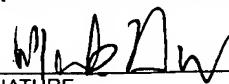


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5 Unassigned <b>107549618</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2004/005114</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>APRIL 09, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>APRIL 10, 2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>POLYMER FOAM CONTAINING HYDROGENATED COPOLYMER</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Masahiro SASAGAWA, et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).        a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.        b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.        d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Cover Page of the International Publication WO 2004/090028; Copy of the first 6 pages of the English Language PCT Request; Forms PCT/IB/301 &amp; PCT/IB/308; &amp; Translator's Declaration.</p>		

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) <small>SEARCH CERT.</small>	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/005114	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1806.1009		
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT USE <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE USE ONLY		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic National Fee .....\$300.00		\$300.00		
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination Fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1) - (4) .....\$0		\$200.00		
All other situations.....\$200.00				
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1) - (4) .....\$0		\$500.00		
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority... \$100				
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....\$400				
All other situations.....\$500				
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		<b>\$ ***</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each addition 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Rate	
113 - 100 =	13/50=	1	X 250.00	250.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$
Total claims	25 - 20 =	5	x \$50.00	\$ 250.00
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 \$360.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$1860.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492)(i).				\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$1860.00</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1900.00</b>
<b>Amount to be refunded:</b>				\$
<b>Amount to be charged:</b>				\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1900.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.				
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.				
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  Staas & Halsey LLP 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005				
 <b>SIGNATURE</b> Mark J. Henry <b>NAME</b> 36,162 <b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>				

DECLARATION

I, Osamu MAEDA, c/o the Inoue & Associates of 3rd Floor, Akasaka Habitation Building, 3-5, Akasaka 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am conversant with the Japanese and English languages and that I have executed with the best of my ability this translation into English of the PCT request and specification of international application No. PCT/JP2004/005114, and believe that the translation is true and correct.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

August 26, 2005

(Date)

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